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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

July 14, 1961

Title

John Henrik Clarke

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Character

Registration Act - Cuba -
East Germany

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
 dated and captioned as above at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in
referenced communication have furnished reliable information
in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 8/4/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-2204)

SUBJECT: JOHN HEINRIK CLARKE
REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA - EAST GERMANY
(OO:NEW YORK)

Re New York report of SA [redacted] dated 7/14/61.

On 8/3/61, [redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted] and JOSEPH A. GEORGE. [redacted] is presently [redacted] of Free World Organizations for Radio Free Europe, and was formerly [redacted] of Radio Free Europe, who review European publications.

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[redacted] advised that none of his men had brought to his attention, the fact that there may be circulating or being advertised for sale, a pamphlet, brochure or booklet in Soviet bloc countries, dealing with racial discrimination in the United States.

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[redacted] advised that in December, 1960, he was on a business trip for Radio Free Europe in Africa, and during the month of December, was in Freetown, located in the country of Sierra Leone, which country borders on the African country of Guinea.

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JOHN HEINRIK CLARKE

REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA - EAST GERMANY

Reurlet 8-4-61.

Inasmuch as [] was last known to be in Sierra Leone, and since pamphlet in question is not known to have been written by subject, Bureau does not feel lead suggested in relet should be pursued.

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DeLoach _____
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Sullivan _____
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[redacted] stated this booklet also contained several half-tone photographs which were gruesome in detail. [redacted] also stated that this booklet was allegedly published in the United States, however, he could easily perceive that the booklet was not done in the United States due to the poor quality of printing, paper and photographs.

The Bureau is requested, through liaison with the United States Information Service, Washington, D.C., to ascertain the whereabouts of [redacted] in order that further information may be received regarding this booklet dealing with racial discrimination in the United States, and the identification of its author.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 8/10/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-2204)

SUBJECT: JOHN HEINRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANY

Re NY report of SA [redacted] 7/14/61.

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For the information of the Bureau and WFO [redacted]
[redacted] the subject's residence, 311 West 136th Street,
NYC, reflects that the subject [redacted]
communication from [redacted] Democratic
National Committee, 1730 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C.,
[redacted]

The Bureau is respectfully requested, if deemed
advisable, through liaison with the Democratic National
Committee to ascertain the reason for the contact between the
subject and [redacted] If the Bureau does not maintain
liaison with the Democratic National Committee, WFO is requested,
through liaison to ascertain the reason for the contact
between [redacted] and the subject and any information that
may be known regarding the subject and his activities.

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REFERENCES:

NY report of SA 7/14/61.
 Bureau letters 7/26/61 and 8/11/61.
 NY letters 8/2, 4 and 10/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being furnished to Newark and Washington Field Offices since these divisions have outstanding investigation in this matter.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Spot observation of the subject's residence, 311 West 136th Street, New York City, on 8/11 and 8/15/61, failed to reflect any activity on the subject's part.

Spot observation at the Irving Trust Company, 57th Street and Madison Avenue, NYC, on 8/17 and 8/23/61, the building where the subject is employed as an office cleaner, failed to reflect any activity on the subject's part.

On 8/8 and 8/10/61, a check of the following banks reflected that CLARKE did not have any type of bank account with these institutions:

Manufacturers Trust Company
45 Beaver Street
NYC

Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street
NYC

Bankers Trust
16 Wall Street
NYC

The Morgan Guaranty Trust Company
60 Liberty Street
NYC

On 8/21/61, [] advised that a source of his, whom he did not identify, but whom he termed reliable, had told [] that there is a book store on 125th Street, NYC, which specializes in pamphlets and booklets by Negro authors. [] stated that his source had determined that there are no pamphlets presently available written by CLARKE, however, this book store expected to have

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some in the forthcoming weeks.

It will be noted that [redacted]
[redacted] presently outstanding against the subject by
the Industrial Bank of Commerce, NYC, is on the Security
Index list of the NYO (100-129556).

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It will be noted that [redacted] employment
supervisor of the subject, has stated upon contact, that
he would not recommend that co-workers of the subject be
interviewed since they are of the same race as CLARKE.

[redacted]

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The confidential informants, mentioned in the body of this report as having knowledge of Nation of Islam activity are:

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Informant

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Contacting Agent

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

The sources used in the Appendix to document the FPCC are [redacted] and CG 5824-S*.

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The sources used in the Appendix to document the Nation of Islam are [redacted]
[redacted]

LEADS

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At New York, New York

1. Will report [redacted] the subject's residence, 311 West 136th Street, and Post Office Box #51, NYC.

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2. Will monitor the [redacted]
[redacted]

3. Will maintain contact with officials at [redacted]

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4. Will report the results of [redacted] requested from [redacted] for the four months preceding May, 1961.

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5. Will endeavor to locate pamphlets and booklets written by the subject.

6. Will conduct spot observations of the subject's residence and the Irving Trust Company to ascertain subject's activities.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

7. Will verify the subject's employment at the Visual Design Studios, 109 West 42nd Street, New York City, and all information available pertaining to the subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of:

Date: 8/30/61

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 97-2204

Bureau File No.: 97-4575

Title: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA - EAST GERMANY

Synopsis:

[Redacted Synopsis Box]

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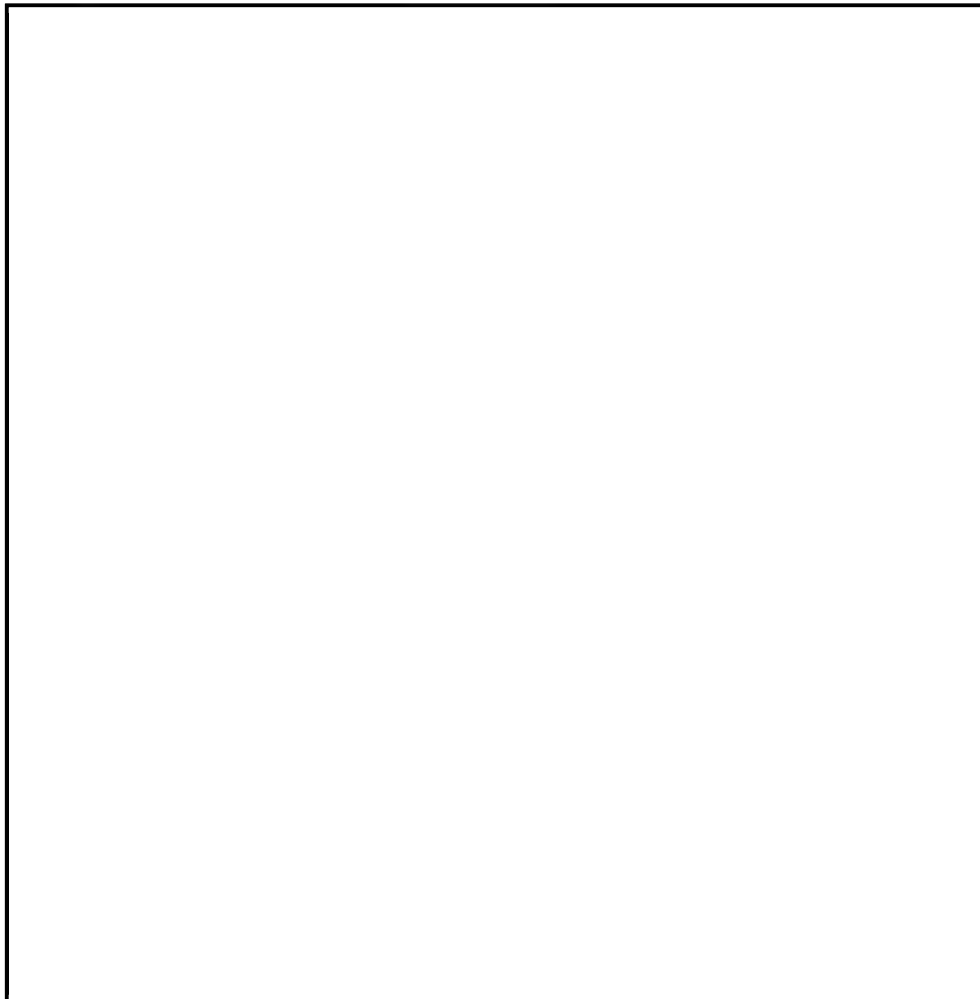
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DETAILS:

During the period [REDACTED]
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NY T-1 also advised



A documentation of the Fair
Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) appears
in the Appendix section of this report.

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791 Letterbox of NYC, NY
It will be noted that ~~"Freedomways"~~ is a booklet which was first published in the spring of 1961, and in which CLARKE was the author of a three page article entitled "Journey to the Sierra Maestra".

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On August 4, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA JAMES M.

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ANDERSON that CLARKE is [REDACTED]
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On August 9, 1961, NY T-2 advised that CLARKE

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[REDACTED] NY T-2 stated that during the
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On August 9, 1961, NY T-3 advised that CLARKE
was the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NY T-3 stated that
CLARKE advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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NY T-3 advised that CLARKE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NY T-3 stated that CLARKE is [REDACTED]
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NY T-3 stated that on the [redacted]

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With regard to [redacted] it will be noted that on [redacted] NY T-4 advised that information had come to his attention on [redacted] [redacted] was attending weekly meetings for "members" of the Communist Party (CP). NY T-4 advised that these weekly meetings could not be attended by non-members of the CP.

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The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On August 10, 1961, the records of the Manhattan Board of Elections as checked by IC [redacted] failed to reflect any registration for the subject for the years 1952 through 1960.

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On August 2, and 22, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] CLARKE continues to be employed as an office cleaner with that organization. [redacted]

[redacted] CLARKE's working hours are from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. and he is presently employed taking care of the Irving Trust Company, 57th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City.

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[redacted] CLARKE has not made any requests for time off which would indicate that he might be planning a trip.

[redacted] CLARKE has never discussed any of his writings or political beliefs.

During the period August 9, 1961 to August 23, 1961,

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confidential informants who have knowledge of Nation of Islam activity in the New York area, advised that the subject has not been active in that organization nor has he written any pamphlets or brochures for that organization to the best of their knowledge.

The information furnished by NY T-2 and NY T-3 is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

APPENDIX

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

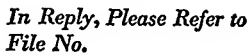
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 9/12/61

FROM: SAC, WFO (97-1552)

SUBJECT: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANY
(OO:NYO)

ReWFOrep of SA PETER J. MURPHY, JR., 8/30/61.

Transmitted herewith to the NYO are four (4) prints and one (1) negative of the passport photograph of JOHN HENRIK CLARKE.

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On 9/6/61, SA [] was advised that the files of the Visa Office and Office of Security, US Department of State, contained no information concerning the subject other than data furnished the Department of State by the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: October 2, 1961

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (97-314)

SUBJECT: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANY
OO: New York

Reference New York letter to the Bureau dated August 10, 1961.

[redacted] D. Van Nostrand Publishing Company, 120 Alexander Street, Princeton, N. J. advised SA [redacted] on September 19, 1961 he was unable to locate anything in his files concerning the subject.

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He stated it was possible the subject wrote them concerning one of their books or possibly requested a catalogue and any correspondence of this nature would have been destroyed.

[redacted] Planned Communities, Inc., 84 Nassau Street, Princeton, N. J. advised on September 19, 1961 that the mailing list of their office contains the name of JOHN HENRIK CLARK, Post Office Box 51, College Station, New York. She stated a form letter and stock prospectus for Planned Communities, Inc. was mailed to the subject during August 1961.

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For the information of New York, Planned Communities, Inc. is an organization engaged in the construction, selling and renting of housing which is available on a nonsegregated basis.

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2-New York (97-2204) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 10/13/61

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (97-74)

SUBJECT: JOHN HEINRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANY
(OO: New York)

Re New York letters to Bureau, 8/31/61 and 9/8/61.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on the dates indicated:

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AT COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

The names JOHN HEINRIK (HENRIK) CLARKE, [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] were not previously
indexed by the Atlanta Office.

On 9/4/61 it was determined the records of the
Columbus PD contained no reference to [redacted]
[redacted] or subject.

On 9/5/61 [redacted] Carver
Junior High School, advised [redacted] was born
[redacted] and is presently a student in the tenth grade.
She resides with [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted] He said her file contains nothing out of
the ordinary and nothing derogatory. GA.

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Inasmuch as Atlanta indices were negative on
subject and the [redacted] family and it was established that
[redacted] is [redacted] student, neither she
nor her mother were interviewed, it being felt there was
no need for them to know of the Bureau's interest in the
subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/18/61

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.: 97-2204

Bureau File No.: 97-4575

Title: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE

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Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA - EAST GERMANY

Synopsis:

Persons and organizations [REDACTED]
the subject at 311 West 136th Street and Post
Office Box 51, NYC, set forth. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NY T-2
[REDACTED] none
of which is anti-US in context. CLARKE maintains

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CLARKE has [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject maintains employment with City Service
Cleaning Contractors, 1564 Broadway, NYC.

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DETAILS:

During the period August 22, 1961 to October 2,
1961, NY T-1 advised that the subject had [REDACTED]

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[redacted]
[redacted]
NY T-1 also advised that [redacted]
the subject was [redacted]
[redacted]
of any information pertinent to the individual
[redacted]

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On September 8, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that he is
the owner and sole employee of Visual Design Studios
located at this address. [redacted] stated that he first
met the subject in 1959 when the African Exposition was
taking place at the Coliseum, New York City. [redacted]
stated that the subject assisted in the set up of the
various African displays and also contributed background
information for the various types of displays. [redacted]
stated that he has never employed the subject on a
permanent salary basis; however, at one time he did
mention to the subject that if CLARKE was able to bring
in any art business, he, [redacted] would give CLARKE a
commission. [redacted] advised that he has never discussed
politics with the subject. [redacted] stated that he had
heard that the subject had gone to Cuba in 1960 with
various other writers and journalists from all over the
world; however, [redacted] was unable to advise as to what
financial means the subject utilized in order to take
this trip.

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On September 8, 1961, [redacted]
City Service Cleaning Contractors, 1564 Broadway, New York
City, advised that the subject continues to maintain his
employment with that concern. [redacted] stated that the
subject's hours of employment are from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. each
evening at the Irving Trust Company branch located at
57th Street and Madison Avenue. [redacted] advised that the
subject has not requested any time off.

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On September 12, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] advised

SA JAMES M. ANDERSON that a check of the previous [redacted]

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On September 12, 1961, the latest issue of "Freedomways", which is the summer 1961 issue, is self described as "a quarterly review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City. Page 151 of this issue comments that they are planning a discussion on "Negro leadership and organizations" in the next issue of "Freedomways". The article comments that one of those who will prepare articles for this forthcoming issue is JOHN HENRIK CLARKE.

A documentation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated appears in the appendix of this report.

On September 18, 1961, NY T-2 advised that he had learned from a source, whom he declined to identify but whom he considers to be reliable, that CLARKE was then away from New York City but was expected to return the following week. NY T-2 stated that he had received from the source whom he declined to identify four publications containing material written by the subject. These publications are "African Heritage" December, 1959; "The American Negro Writer and His Roots"; "Tom Mboya: The World's Youngest Statesman" and "Transition in the Negro Short Story".

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A review of the "African Heritage" issue of December, 1959 reflects that CLARKE wrote articles containing background information on the city of Timbuctoo, the Emperor of Morocco, 1641-1727, and the Empire of Ethiopia. The "African Heritage" issue of December, 1959 also reflects that CLARKE was a member of the African Exposition Staff which exposition was held at the Coliseum, New York City, during August 6 through 15, 1959.

A review of "The American Negro Writer and His Roots" reflects that this publication was published by the American Society of African Culture and contained selected papers from the First Conference of Negro Writers, March, 1959. The booklet reflects that the subject was a member of the Conference Planning Committee and wrote an eight page article entitled "Reclaiming the Lost African Heritage". This booklet also reflects that CLARKE is the author of the "Lives of Great African Chiefs", "Rebellion in Rhyme" and "The Black Christ" and other stories.

A review of the publication entitled "Tom Mboya: The World's Youngest Statesman" reflects that CLARKE wrote on the background of this African leader. The booklet also reflects that CLARKE has written over a period of time for many foreign periodicals and those of the United States as well. The booklet states that he is presently a staff lecturer on African subjects at the Center for African Studies, New School for Social Research, New York City.

A review of the publication entitled "Transition in the American Negro Short Story" reflects that this is an article reprinted from the Atlanta University Review of Race and Culture. In the article CLARKE comments that the Negro writer had been an oddity and a stepchild in the eyes of critics; however, since the Stock Market collapse of 1929, a new crop of Negro writers has emerged. CLARKE comments there would no longer be weepy sociological propaganda stories written by Negro writers but the material used by Negro writers, with the rise of nationalism and

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independent states in Africa and the rapid change of the status of the Negro in the United States, would reflect a breaking away from the old mooring.

It will be noted that NY T-1 had previously advised that the subject had been in contact with D. Van Nostrand Publishing Company, Princeton, New Jersey, and the Planned Communities, Incorporated, Princeton, New Jersey.

On September 19, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] D. Van Nostrand Publishing Company, 120 Alexander Street, Princeton, New Jersey, advised SA DANIEL E. BRANDT that he was unable to locate anything in his files concerning the subject. [redacted] stated that it was possible the subject wrote them concerning one of their books or possibly requesting a catalogue and any correspondence of this nature would have been destroyed.

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On September 19, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] Planned Communities, Incorporated, 84 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey, advised that the mailing list of their office contains the name of JOHN HENRIK CLARK, Post Office Box 51, College Station, New York. [redacted] stated a form letter and stock prospectus was mailed to the subject during August, 1961.

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It will be noted that Planned Communities, Incorporated, is an organization engaged in the construction, selling and renting of housing which is available on a non-segregated basis.

On September 20, 1961, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed a male individual resembling the subject wearing working clothes enter the Irving Trust Company branch at 57th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, at 4:51 P.M.

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On September 25, 1961, [redacted] previously mentioned, advised that the subject continues to maintain his employment with the City Service Cleaning Contractors. [redacted] stated that a review of the subject's work sheets reflects that he did not miss any work periods during the time prior to or after September 18, 1961. [redacted] stated that the subject is classified as an excellent employee.

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On October 5, 1961, NY T-3 advised that the subject resides at 311 West 136th Street, New York City, [redacted]

NY T-3 stated that [redacted]

[redacted] The source advised that [redacted]

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On October 5, 1961, NY T-4 stated that the subject [redacted]

[redacted] NY T-4 stated that [redacted]

[redacted] The source advised that the subject will have [redacted]

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[redacted] NY T-4 declared that the subject [redacted]

The files of the New York Office of the FBI fail to reflect any identifiable derogatory information pertaining to [redacted]

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The above information furnished by NY T-3 and NY T-4 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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On October 9, 1961, [] previously mentioned, advised that the subject has requested that he be given more lengthy work assignments so that he will be in a position to earn more money. [] stated that he has been utilizing the subject at his previous job at the Irving Trust Company from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. and has been giving him an additional assignment at the Radio Corporation of America (RCA) Building from 10 P.M. to 1 A.M. [] stated that this additional assignment will terminate as of October 13, 1961. [] advised that the subject has not asked for any time off and has not missed any days' employment for several months.

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, Albany, New York, reflect that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The first issue of "Freedomways," spring, 1961, is self-described as a quarterly review of the Negro freedom movement published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 25, 1961, a confidential source advised that "Freedomways" was set up by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee, CPUSA, for the CP of the United States with the approval of the CP of the Soviet Union.

On May 24, 1961, another confidential source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, CPUSA, held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 10/19/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-2204)

SUBJECT: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANY
(OO: NY)

ReNYreport of SA [redacted] 10/18/61.

On 10/17/61, [redacted] City Service Cleaning Contractors, 1564 Broadway, NYC, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] on 10/16/61 a request for information regarding CLARKE from the U. S. Information Agency. The return envelope has the address of U. S. Information Agency, Washington 25, D. C., Attention: 10 A 1 P.R.

The enclosed letter contained a list of questions which [redacted] had to fill out regarding CLARKE'S employment, character, associates and loyalty to the U. S. CLARKE has applied for employment with the U. S. Information Agency as an Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer. The U. S. Information Agency letter was dated 10/12/61 and signed by [redacted] Recruitment Branch.

WFO is requested at the U. S. Information Agency, Washington 25, D. C., to ascertain all information pertaining to CLARKE and to review any application which he may have filled out in order to apply for the position as an Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer.

NYO investigation continuing.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 10/26/61

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (105-3647)(RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANY
(OO - NEW YORK)

Re New York letter to Bureau, 9/8/61.

[redacted] "The Pittsburgh Courier,"
2628 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] on 10/18/61, that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE had never
been an employee of "The Pittsburgh Courier."
[redacted] stated that in 1957, CLARKE submitted a
manuscript which included photographs consisting of
a study of several African countries. [redacted] said
that "The Pittsburgh Courier" paid CLARKE for the
entire manuscript and used it in a series of articles
which appeared in that paper in 1957. He said that
other than this transaction, "The Pittsburgh Courier"
has had no relationship with CLARKE.

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[redacted] said that there were no personnel records or
other records containing any information of any kind
concerning CLARKE at the offices of "The Pittsburgh
Courier." [redacted] stated that he had never met
CLARKE personally and knew of no one on the staff of
"The Pittsburgh Courier" who would be personally
acquainted with him. He stated that the arrangement
concerning the above-mentioned manuscript was handled
entirely by mail.

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For the information of the New York Office, "The
Pittsburgh Courier" is a weekly newspaper printed in
17 editions at 2628 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh 19, Pa.;
Post Office Box 1823, Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 11/15/61

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (97-314) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANY
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York letters to Bureau dated 9/8 and 9/12/61.

On 9/19/61 [redacted] Employment Interviewer, Personnel Department, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J., was contacted by SA [redacted] regarding the captioned subject.

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[redacted] advised that he reviewed the master correspondence file, the miscellaneous correspondence file, and the prospective administration and management training personnel files in an effort to determine the reason his company was in communication with the subject with negative results. [redacted] advised that he reviewed the personnel file of his company, and this file reflected that the subject does not work for his company, he has never been employed by his company, and has never made application for employment with his company.

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[redacted] advised that his company sends out a great deal of advertisement regarding publications they print, and they obtain their mailing list from the local telephone directory. [redacted] advised that they would keep no record of the letters sent out in this connection. [redacted] stated that in the future if this company receives any correspondence from the subject and this correspondence comes to his attention, he will immediately notify the FBI.

On 10/23/61 [redacted] advised IC [redacted] that [redacted] employed New Jersey State Teachers College, Newark - Geology-credit good. Informant also stated that [redacted] employed New Jersey Bell Telephone Company.

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On 10/24/61 Captain [redacted] Springfield, N.J., Police Department, advised IC [redacted] that the records of his department contained no information regarding [redacted]. He also stated that Park Lane is in one of the town's finest areas.

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[redacted] Manager, Credit Bureau of Central New Jersey, Plainfield, N.J., advised IC [redacted] on 10/24/61 that the records of his bureau contain no information regarding [redacted]

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Chief [redacted] Chatham Township, N.J., Police Department, advised on 11/8/61 that the records of his department contain no information regarding [redacted]

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Morristown, Morristown, N.J., advised on 11/2/61 that the records of his bureau contain no information regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] Garden State Credit Bureau, Clifton, N.J., advised IC [redacted] on 10/29/61 that the records of her bureau contain no information regarding [redacted]

On 11/8/61 [redacted]

[redacted] advised that her husband is currently employed at St. John's University, Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y., in charge of the African Institute. She stated she recalls the name JOHN CLARKE sounded familiar to her and believed her husband was responsible for arranging for CLARKE to give a lecture on Africa at the Madison Adult School this past winter. She stated her husband is currently heading a program of study regarding African culture at St. John's and has been in touch with CLARKE inasmuch as he is an authority on African anthropology. She revealed her husband could be reached at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., for any further information regarding CLARKE. 1/

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[redacted] Township, N.J., advised on 11/8/61 that he recalled the name JOHN HENRIK CLARKE inasmuch as his wife, who is in charge of the Chatham - Madison Adult Education Program, had arranged for CLARKE to give a lecture this past winter regarding African culture. [redacted] stated neither he nor his wife know of anything further concerning CLARKE. [redacted]

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REFERENCE

NYlet dated 10/19/61.

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WFO indices contain no pertinent identifiable references to the following organizations and publications mentioned in subject's resume:

African Heritage Points	Fantasia Magazine
Ghana Evening News	Negro History Bulletin
Harlem Quarterly	African World Bookshelf
African Heritage Exposition	Presence Africaine
	The African Drum Magazine

A thorough review of WFO indices failed to establish whether the New School for Social Research, Center for African

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Studies, New York, New York, has any connection with the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York, New York. According to WFO indices, the latter is apparently the subject of Bufile Number 65-6656, and was described by OWEN LATTIMORE in April, 1950, as a private school operated by private funds and some foundation backing. Another reference, undocumented, described it as a "socialist institution." A New York Office memorandum in 1958, undocumented, disclosed that there was no information in New York Office indices at that time indicating that the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York City, was Communist Party-controlled or infiltrated, although there had been many allegations to that effect. Baltimore report of SA RALPH G. MURDY, dated 7/6/53, entitled "OWEN LATTIMORE, ESPIONAGE - R; PERJURY", contained a documentation of the New School for Social Research, describing it as having been "established in 1919 for the purpose of furnishing an opportunity for adults, who had completed school but desired to continue their education, to study under qualified instructors subjects in which they were particularly interested. Many persons who were associated with communists or communist-infiltrated organizations have been connected with the school. However, the faculty is predominantly opposed to communistic principles and it is neither controlled nor influenced by communists". The source of this information was shown on the administrative pages of that report merely as the report of SA NICHOLAS J. ALAGA, dated 4/29/42, at New York City, entitled "New School for Social Research, IS - C", Bufile Number 65-6656.

The only other significant reference in WFO indices regarding the NSF SR was shown to be located in New York Office File Number 100-21281-6. The information was received by SA J. S. JOHNSON on 4/14/41. The source was described as "Letters of S. V. CONSTANT, Lt. Col., G.S.C., Executive Officer, G-2, dated 4/10/41". This source, who had furnished reliable information in the past, advised that "the New School for Social Research was founded in 1933 as a haven for European educators (communists) exiled by ADOLPH HITLER". "The curriculum of the school follows the Party line." The source added that the school is advertised in the "Daily Worker", an East Coast communist newspaper.

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Due to the absence of additional identifying data, no effort was made to include the foregoing information in the attached report.

From the contents of this report, it is apparent the correspondence received by subject from [redacted] Democratic National Committee, 1730 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., concerned itself with the forwarding of subject's resume to USIA in connection with his proposed employment.

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NEWARK DIVISION

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

An information copy of this report is being furnished the Newark Division in view of past investigative interest by that office in this matter.

This report is classified "~~Confidential~~" since it contains information; the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 12/1/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/17 - 11/27/61
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 Pittsburgh letter, 10/26/61.
 Cleveland airtel, 10/31/61.
 Newark letter, 11/15/61.

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The information pertaining to the subject's bank account was not placed on an FD-302 in the body of the report since there was nothing contained therein of an evidentiary nature.

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One copy of this report is being sent to WFO for information only since they have outstanding investigation in this case.

Observation of the subject's place of employment on 11/14/61 failed to reflect any activity on his part.

The NYO is of the opinion that this case may be brought to a logical conclusion only through an interview of the subject. It will be noted that the [redacted]

[redacted] an acquaintance of CLARKE's for 13 years, describes CLARKE as a crusader and he did not feel that CLARKE would do anything subversive. The NYO will, therefore, upon completion of the lead for WFO in reNYlet of 10/19/61, by separate communication request Bureau permission to interview CLARKE.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will, upon receipt of the information requested from WFO in reNYlet, 10/19/61, request Bureau permission to interview the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Field Office
File Number: 97-2204

Bureau: 97-4575

Title: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE

Character: REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA - EAST GERMANY

Synopsis: CLARKE unknown at Prentice - Hall, Inc.,
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. Identity
of subscribers to New Jersey telephone
numbers and interviews of subscribers
set out. [REDACTED]
states CLARKE broke with the CP in 1942
and is now "dedicated for the equality
of everybody". CLARKE never employed
by "The Pittsburgh Courier" but was paid
for a manuscript which was used in a series
of articles by that newspaper in 1957.
CLARKE resides at 311 West 136th Street,
NYC, and maintains employment with City
Service Cleaning Contractors, 1564 Broad-
way, NYC.

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DETAILS:

It will be noted that NY T-1 advised that the subject [redacted]

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On September 19, 1961, [redacted] Employment Interviewer, Personnel Department, Prentice - Hall Incorporated, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, advised SA [redacted] that a review of the master correspondence file, the miscellaneous correspondence file and the prospective administration and management training personnel files failed to reflect any reason that his company was in communication with the subject. [redacted] advised that a review of the personnel files of his company reflects that the subject does not work for Prentice - Hall, was never employed by them, and has never made an application for employment with them.

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[redacted] stated that his company sends out a great deal of advertisement regarding publications they print and they obtain their mailing list from the local telephone directory. [redacted] advised that they would keep no record of the letters sent out in this connection.

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It will be noted that [redacted] furnished to SA JAMES M. ANDERSON a check of [redacted]

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On October 23, 1961, NY T-2 advised that [redacted]

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NY T-2 also advised that [redacted]
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On October 24, 1961, Captain L. JOYNER, Springfield, New Jersey Police Department, advised IC [redacted] that the records of his department contained no information regarding [redacted]. He also stated that Park Lane is in one of the town's finest areas.

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On October 24, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Central New Jersey, Plainfield, New Jersey, advised IC [redacted] that the records of his bureau contained no information regarding [redacted].

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On October 29, 1961, [redacted] Garden State Credit Bureau, Clifton, New Jersey, advised IC [redacted] that the records of her bureau contained no information regarding [redacted].

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On November 2, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Morristown, Morristown, New Jersey, advised that the records of his bureau contained no information regarding [redacted].

On November 8, 1961, Chief TED KNISPLE, Chatham Township, New Jersey Police Department, advised that the records of his department contained no information regarding [redacted].

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On November 8, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] advised that her husband is currently employed at St. John's University, Jamaica, Long Island, New York, in charge of the African Institute.

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She stated that she recalls that the name JOHN CLARKE sounded familiar to her and she believed that her husband was responsible for arranging for CLARKE to give a lecture on Africa at the Madison Adult School this past winter. She stated her husband is currently heading a program of study regarding African culture at St. John's University and he has been in touch with CLARKE inasmuch as CLARKE is an authority on African anthropology. She advised that her husband could be reached at St. John's University in Jamaica, New York for any further information.

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[redacted] advised on November 8, 1961, that he recalled the subject, inasmuch as his wife, who is in charge of the Chatham - Madison Adult Education Program, had arranged for CLARKE to give a lecture this past winter regarding African culture. [redacted] stated that neither he nor his wife knew of anything further concerning CLARKE.

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It will be noted that on August 9, 1961, a review of the files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflected that CLARKE, in a letter to the Passport Office, indicated that his last regular employment was with "The Pittsburgh Courier", Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On October 18, 1961, [redacted] "The Pittsburgh Courier", 2628 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised SA [redacted] that CLARKE had never been an employee of that newspaper. [redacted] stated that in 1957 CLARKE submitted a manuscript which included photographs consisting of a study of several African countries. [redacted] advised that the newspaper paid CLARKE for the entire manuscript and used it in a series of articles which appeared in that newspaper in 1957. [redacted] stated that other than this transaction, "The Pittsburgh Courier" has had no relationship with CLARKE.

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[redacted] advised that there were no personnel records or other records containing any information pertaining to CLARKE at the offices of the newspaper. He advised that he had never met CLARKE personally and knew of no one on the newspaper staff who would be personally acquainted with him. [redacted] stated that the arrangement concerning the manuscript was handled entirely by mail.

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It will be noted that "The Pittsburgh Courier" is a weekly newspaper printed in 17 editions at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

It will be noted that [redacted] previously mentioned, advised that [redacted]

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On September 18, 1961, it was determined from the Sandusky, Ohio City Directory that telephone number MA 6-4064 is listed to Reverend RICHARD R. ASHBURN, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Decatur Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

On October 27, 1961, Reverend ASHBURN advised SA [redacted] that he has known CLARKE since 1948 and visits him about once every year or so at 311 West 136th Street, New York City. CLARKE was born in Alabama and is approximately 45 years of age.

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Reverend ASHBURN stated that CLARKE told him that he joined the Communist Party (CP) in the 1930s but broke with them and left the CP in 1942 and went into the service. CLARKE left the CP because he felt that they were using the Negro race to further their own ends and were not doing anything for the Negro as such.

Reverend ASHBURN stated that after leaving the service, CLARKE went back into writing and is a "worker for the uplift of mankind".

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Reverend ASHBURN advised that CLARKE quit NBC to write and he is presently giving a lecture course on African studies at a college connected with the state of New Jersey somewhere near New York City.

Reverend ASHBURN declared that CLARKE "would be a crusader if able to do it" and that CLARKE is "dedicated for the equality of everybody".

Reverend ASHBURN advised that CLARKE hates the CP with a bitter hate ever since he was disillusioned about their feelings toward the Negro. Reverend ASHBURN advised that CLARKE is interested in the Cuban situation because he feels the Cubans would win over the CP influence in the final analysis.

Reverend ASHBURN advised that he felt CLARKE would not do anything subversive, as on one occasion CLARKE said to ASHBURN "The United States is one place where a man can be free", and on another occasion told Reverend ASHBURN that if there were a war with Russia, he, CLARKE, would be the first one to get a gun to fight them.

Reverend ASHBURN described CLARKE as kind and gentle and one who is dedicated to a cause. He stated CLARKE liked to talk with Mrs. ASHBURN, who died several months ago, as she was born and raised in Africa by her missionary parents and came to the United States when she was 14 years old.

Reverend ASHBURN advised that several years ago he saw CLARKE get rid of a roommate because of the roommate's beliefs in the CP.

The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On October 17, 1961, [redacted] City Service Cleaning Contractors, 1564 Broadway, New York City, advised that the subject continues to maintain his employment with them as a building cleaner. [redacted] advised that on October 16, 1961, he received in the mail a request for information regarding CLARKE from the United States Information Agency. The return envelope had the address of United States Information Agency, Washington 25, D. C., Attention: 10A1P.R. The enclosed letter contained a list of questions which [redacted] had to fill out regarding CLARKE's employment, character, associates and loyalty to the United States. CLARKE was applying for employment as an Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer. The United States Information Agency letter was dated October 12, 1961 and was signed by [redacted] Chief, Recruitment Branch.

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On October 31, 1961, NY T-3 advised that the subject resides at 311 West 136th Street, New York City.

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On November 16, 1961, NY T-4 advised that the subject [redacted]

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NY T-4 advised that the subject [redacted]
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The above information furnished by NY T-3 and NY T-4 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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On November 8 and November 27, 1961, [redacted]
[redacted] previously mentioned, advised that the subject
continues to maintain his employment with the City Service
Cleaning Contractors. [redacted] advised that the subject's
hours of employment are from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each
evening at the Irving Trust Company branch located at 57th
Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. [redacted] was
unable to advise if the subject was able to obtain any
daytime employment.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

December 1, 1961

Title

John Henrik Clarke

Character

Registration Act - Cuba -
East Germany

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
 dated and captioned as above at New York.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-4575)

DATE: 12/14/61

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (97-2204) (P)

Copy to *F26 New York*
by routing slip for☐ info ☒ actiondate *12/22/61*
by *[Signature]*SUBJECT: JOHN HENRIK CLARKE
RA - CUBA - EAST GERMANYb6
b7CRe WFO report of SA PETER J. MURPHY, JR., dated
11/27/61, and NY report of SA [redacted] dated
12/1/61.

1. The subject is a Negro male, residing at 311 West 136th Street, NYC, and is employed by City Service Cleaning Contractors, 1564 Broadway, NYC. He was born 1/1/15, in Alabama and is a US citizen.

2. The subject is married to HESTER CLARKE, a housewife.

3. Not applicable.

4. A confidential source advised that the subject was one of the principal organizers of the demonstrations taking place in the UN Gallery on 2/15/61. The source also stated that in 1960, the subject was a guest of FIDEL CASTRO and wrote a pamphlet dealing with racial discrimination and violence in the US. The source also advised that CLARKE is alleged to have been approached by an agent of a publisher from Czechoslovakia to write a brochure on US racial persecutions. The source stated that CLARKE is also alleged to have been approached by an East German publishing firm to write a pre-colonial history of African peoples. An acquaintance of the subject has advised that the subject told him that he had been a member of the CP in the 1930's, but had broken away because the CP was not doing anything for the Negro race.

5. Not applicable.

6. The subject, if cooperative, has potential among racial organizations in NYC since he is a well-known Negro writer.

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- ☒ Submit results in form suitable for dissemination.
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7. The subject should be interviewed to determine his present sympathies.

8. It is expected that if the subject is cooperative, his present sympathies may be determined and his potential as an informant may be explored, regarding those who were behind the UN demonstrations in 1961, as well as Pro-CASTRO followers in the NY area.

9. The Bureau's position and interest in the internal security of the US will be explained to the subject. The subject will be advised that since he has made application for a position with one of the US Government agencies, he should certainly be more than willing to cooperate with the FBI.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to security subjects. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant or source of information.

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Records Branch

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